



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In re Application of:

Applicant(s): **HORWARTH, et al.**

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Entitled: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
MONITORING ALIGNMENT OF A
CNC MACHINE SPINDLE
TRUNNION AXIS A**

Examiner: **WEST, J.**

Our File Ref.: **CIN-0002-US**

Group Art Unit: **2857**

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Commissioner:

Now come Applicants, by counsel, and in response to the Office Action mailed on 31 December 2001, respectfully submit the following reply thereto. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is respectfully submitted herewith, together with an Authorization to Charge Applicants' Deposit Account in the amount of \$400 for payment of the fee therefor.

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the within "Reply to Restriction Requirement" is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Honorable Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231, for first-class mail delivery, postage pre-paid, on this the

28 day of February, 2002.

ELECTION OF INVENTION FOR EXAMINATION

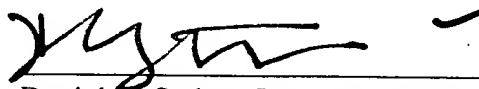
At page 2 of the instant Office Action, the Examiner alleges that the above-referenced application contains claims drawn to 2 distinct inventions: I) claims 1-16, which are drawn to an apparatus and system for monitoring alignment of a machine tool spindle axis; and, II) claims 17-20, which are drawn to a method of monitoring alignment of a machine tool spindle axis. The Examiner further alleges that the method of claims 17-20 does not require the particulars of the apparatus of claims 1-16.

Applicants elect Invention I for examination and respectfully submit that said claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner believe unresolved issues remain, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned counsel, who can be reached at the telephone numbers listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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